

December 5, 2016

Brookings County Zoning Board 520 Third St. Suite 210 Brookings, SD 57006

To whom it may concern:

I have been made aware that Michael Crinion has applied for a CAFO permit in Brookings County. I write today in support of Mr. Crinion's application. I have personally known Mr. Crinion for nearly 10 years and, in that time, he has proven to be a very competent builder and operator of commercial dairy farms. I believe that Mr. Crinion implements all available best-practices into the design and engineering of his projects and takes to heart his responsibility to his neighbors and the environment. I believe that Mr. Crinion carefully studies the potential dairy locations available to him and uses an extensive list of criteria when selecting the most appropriate and feasible sites on which to build.

Our cheese factory in Milbank has enjoyed a long relationship with Mr. Crinion on a variety of projects. We value his dedication to the growth and prosperity of the South Dakota dairy industry. Dairy plays a significant role in the health and vitality of Northeastern South Dakota's economy. I ask and urge you to give this proposal every courtesy and consideration and take the appropriate actions to ensure that Brookings County's agriculture industry keeps moving forward.

Sincerely,

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